Bulletin of the Massachusetts Rifle Association

IS MY FACE RED! This is the Assistant Target Boy talking! In getting information for last month's Bull-Gun, I made two mistakes. The first was the statement, quote:
"....the new oil hot air furnace has been delivered and installed".
I was told it was in, and with that information and all the help showing up at the Club, I assumed it had been installed. Please note some additional information below regarding this activity.

And I also failed to credit the proper person for services rendered. I didn't remember that the Club had two "Thompsons", and I gave a 'thank you' to George Thompson instead of to Harold Thompson. I hope George won't mind my recall in his instance, and hope that Harold didn't mind the oversight. Charlie is still working nights. If he had been authoring these notes, this wouldn't have happened. He knows you all.

DIRECTORS MEET The Board of Directors met on Monday, January 9th, with just a quorum present. The weather just about 'knocked out" the meeting. Present were the dependable Jim Drumgoole, Johnny Bullock, Austin McHugh, Pete Mattson, Charlie Thorne and Harry Nelson. Joe Fuhs had to work and Joe Collins' wife is in the hospital, and they so advised the Secretary. We'd like to see the other directors at our next meeting, but we feel that the weather was a legitimate excuse on this occasion. The Directors voted to hire some help to get the heating excuse on this occasion. The Directors voted to hire some help to get the heating ducts installed in the proper places. And as mentioned in the first paragraph, the heater work will start on Thursday night, the 12th. If you have a hammer, a saw and the energy to help, we can use it. If you want to come up to shoot and watch us work, that's all right, too. We need the names in the register and the range fees in the box as well. So you can see, the heater is ready to put in place, not installed as mentioned last month.....While waiting for Harry Nelson to come to the meeting, we were busy studying our by-laws. They make very interesting reading, and-like the Ten Commandments - if we live up to 'em, we'll all be real good members.

A new member was voted into the membership. He is a very nice guy, and greet him when you meet him!

> LESTER H. MANN 3 Truman Drive Randolph, Mass.

Have you reviewed the insurance prospectus you received in last A REMINDER month's Bull-Gun? This is a good opportunity to get some extra good coverage at nominal cost - all because you're a member of the Association.

Just another reminder that dues are DUE! They're coming in in dribs and drabs. Yours in yet?.... The Annual Meeting will be HITS AND MISSES coming up in March. The date of the affair and the committees necessary will be selected at the next Board meeting....Say, fellows - when you look over the facilities of the Walnut Hill Gun Club, and at the small cost these facilities are made available to you, what is your first reaction? Some have said. "BOY, WE REALLY GET OUR MONEY'S WORTH:!!"....Are they right? We are sure you will agree that they are.Joe Fuhs is still the low man on the lucky targets totem pole - three list.... and the old feud has been renewed between Mattson and McDermott on the off hand ability - maybe they're both champs: Harold Morrill, 378 Walnut Street, Newtonville 60, Massachusetts is still the man to send your check for dues to. He's a-waitin' for 'em.

Now that the new year is here, have you made a resolution to come to your club more often? Wednesday night is the activity night. THE NEW YEAR That's the night the team practices, but don't let that stop you. There's always room for you to shoot. Remember - there are always two bays open for non-team mem-

Thile talking about the team, they're doin' right well. Won their last two matches. Defeated the Watertown Arsenal team and the Watertown Legion team in their last starts.

The Club is also in the process of negotiating for postal matches. These events may be available for week-day nights and Sundays. More on this later.

KEEP IN MIND THE ANNUAL MEETING WHICH IS TO BE HELD SOMETIME IN MARCH * Keep posted

C. U. on the Range, Assistant Target Boy ..

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OUR ANNUAL MEETING

We have a bit more information on our Annual Meeting! It's to be held at the Club House on Saturday, March 31, 1956. The entire Board of Directors are to serve as an Annual Meeting Committee, and they will meet at the clubhouse on February 19th, at 2:00 P.M. All this is now possible since the heating system was installed. You'll hear all about the arrangements for the Annual Meeting in the next "Bull-gun".

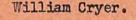
The Directors meeting, held last Monday was very well attended. Those present included Jim Drumgoole, Austin McHugh, Len Collins, Pete Mattson, W. Cutts, Fred Frizzell, Johnny McDermott and H. Nelson, notwithstanding the snowstorm. It was good to see everyone walking around the club instead of hugging the stove this time of the year. As you continue reading you'll learn why.

NEW MEMBERS

Two new members were voted into the club at the last Board meeting. Greet these newcomers when next you are at the

clubhouse.....

William J. Childs, Jr.





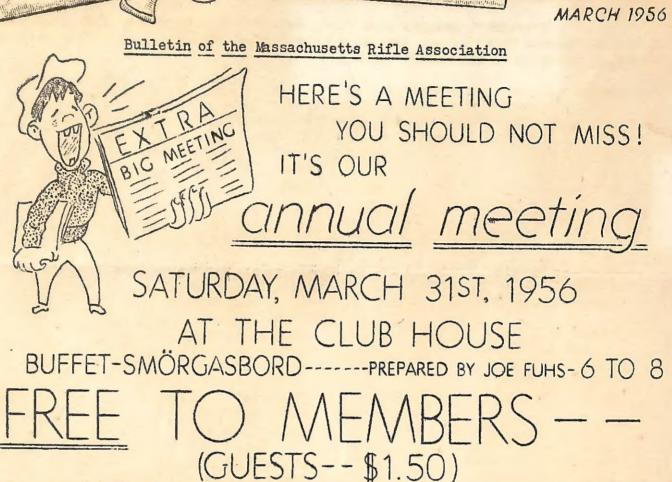
DUES ARE DUE.....and 'doos you owe 'em'
And, of course, dues are
necessary to run the Club. Your Treasurer
has a job to do - and that's to collect all
dues. It wouldn't be too hard a job if we
all got down to paying the dues. That's
the only way to keep the Treasurer quiet.
And remember - April 30th is the deadline
for payment. There will be no exceptions.
Take a minute to look up your bill now, and
if you haven't paid 'em....well, you know.

HITS AND MISSES What's the matter with Ding? You have been missed around the Club, and your excused only if you are sick - which we hope is not so....It was noted that Kidder didn't stay last Sunday, at least not long enough to meet those who were there. How did we know? His name was in the book!....The road in to the club is now in very good shape, and

there is no excuse for not coming up on that point any longer - as a matter of fact you don't have many excuses now for not coming up.....There's always activing on Wednesday nights and Sundays. A number of members show up to keep the team company while they practices - and you don't have to be a team member to shoot on Wednesdays.....You new members should be coming up here more often. How do expect to make the acquaintance of our members if you don't show up. Jim Drumgoole or Pete Mattson will always sell you 22 ammo. They handle it for the club - just another service that goes with your \$0.9166 cents per month dues and insurance. Pretty inexpensive dues for such a good club. Of course we can't check off any range fees against your name unless you come out to the Hill and use the accommodations that are yours.... If you want to get something into the "Bull-gun", put it in writing, sign it and leave it at the clubhouse, c/o President....Oh, yes. The club is in good financial condition.

Literally speaking, that's good! We are going to try to give you a list of those who helped in the installation of the system. Harry Nelson cut out floor - dulling a newly sharpened blade on McHughs Skill Saw- and placed the new heaters. Mattson and McHugh helped one Friday night after the match - around midnite when finished. Ray Spinazolla dug foundation hole, laid up block, mixed cement for foundation under heater - Mattson and McHugh helping—all day Saturday. Arthur White and Pete Mattson set up fuel tank and fuel line. Your Prez hired a sheet metal worker who worked one day with himself, a mechanic and one helper, and two other days he and a helper, to make what necessary sheet metal fittings needed over and above those supplied with the heater - for \$87.74. A Modern Heating Company heater, complete with ducts, pipe, tank, electrical apparatus—\$475.—Electrical work and supplies by Joe Holden - \$73.20, less 10% (\$65.88) E.P.Mattson—smoke pipe, iron pipe and fittings for oil line, \$19.63. Arthur White, damper and iron pipe for oil line, \$1.64. Frizzell Bros., cement blocks, sand and cement, \$17.45 - but donated by Fred Frizzell. Total cost to the club - \$652.89. Joe Euhs and Norman Vachon spent one Sunday, all day, cleaning up and rearranging after all this work was completed. To those who gave their time, or donated anything to this project that it could be done so efficiently, especially during such a cold spell, the officers and entire membership are indeed grateful. Just another job well done! NEXT FROJECT * Insulating the entire building. Everyone that wants more comfort with less expense, and is willing to work will have the opportunity. Don't let the other fellow do your share - there are different ways to help, even if you are unable to the manual labor.





At this ANNUAL MEETING there will be an election of officers and directors for the coming year. We will elect two vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer and fifteen (15) directors. Nominations will be made from the floor and you will find on the back of this notice, a roster of our membership. This is the most important meeting of our year, and YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB.

Many of our members have not been to the Club in years - this is an opportunity to see the progress that has been made in the past four years - heating system, new target ranges, painting, back stop on the outdoor range, just to mention a few. Our next project, which we hope will be completed by next fall, will be the complete insulation of our club house.

Your President, Austin McHugh, takes this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed their time and/or money in the past year - all of which made for the fine condition in which we find our physical assets.

The Treasury is in good shape. This meeting will be your opportunity to find out how your Club is being managed. It might be mentioned that this is the FIRST TIME that your Club has been in a position to have an Annual Meeting without a dinner cost to our members. We wanted to make sure that YOU get to the meeting!

There are several openings for new members and it should be your duty to invite, or even entice, your shooting pal or some good reputable associate to JOIN NOW!

STILL REMEMBERS

Secretary Jim has had a letter from Chester B. Pratt, of 73

View Street, Franklin, New Hampshire. Some of the old-timers

will remember Chester when he was a member of our Club. Mr. Pratt has inquired about
some of the old time members, and we are going to put him on our mailing list to
receive the Bull-Gun. Chester would be very much surprised to see the Club now, and
it would be nice if he could come down to visit us some time.

OFF-HAND SHOTS

Many of our shooters get up on Wednesday nights to get in some practice....that's the night the team practices, but there is always room for you....mentioning the team we might say that we're proud of 'em — they are now in third place in the league, with four more matches to go....the team consists of McDermott, Mattson, Bullock, Vachon, Legro, Mann, Nelson, Hanson, Turner, and Crawford....Many thanks to these men for representing our club....outcor matches at Curtis Guild in Wakefield will start soon. More on this later....The feud is still on between Mattson and McDermott. We'll scon find out who's best.... and Joe Fuhs (Mr. Smorgasbord) still holds high honors for low score on the lucky targets — three perfect ones — and he hasn't been topped yet!....Good to see Cap Gerrish and Jim Drumgoole enjoying the new comforts at the Club....Ammo will be obtainable from Pete Mattson or Johnny McDermott if Jim Drumgoole isn't around.....Better plan RIGHT NOW to attend the Annual Meeting at the Club House on Saturday, March 31st.... Remember — it's your Club and your vote counts! Come on up and enjoy a pleasant evening.....

Forgot to mention that at the Board meeting held this week, the following directors were present:

President, McHugh; Vice President, Thorne; Secretary, Jim Drumgoole; Treasurer, Harold Morrill; and Directors Fuhs, Cutts, McDermott, Frizzell, Mattson, O'Connor, Randy Smith and Rollie Stiles.

Our present officers and directors are:

John McDermott
Randy Smith
John Bullock
Joe Collins
E. Kidder

Charles O'Connor Rollie Stiles Joe Fuhs William Cutts Austin McHugh

Fred Frizzell Pete Mattson Charles Thorne Al Reed Harry Nelson

(Life)

(Honorary)

MEMBERSHIP LIST OF THE MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASS'N

Peter E. Agersea George F. Allen Harold E. Anderson

Edward Boit
Charles H. Bouton
Philip E. Brooks
Milton G. Brown
John E. Bullock

William J. Childs, Jr.
Lenwood J. Collins
Francis G. Crawford
Josesph C. Crescio
William J. Cryer, Sr.
Winthrop R. Cutts

Harold F. Dingley

Joseph E. Doherty, Lieut (Hororary)

James P. Drumgoole

Richard I. Dwyer

Alfred D. Read

John F. Roberts

Thomas Scott

George L. Fellows Carmine Fonzi Fred W. Frizzell Joseph Fuhs

Gurtis S. Gallup
Oris E. Gerrish (Honorary)
William J. Gillespie
Malcolm H. Godfrey
Wayne M. Godfrey

Paul E. Hanson Walter L. Harrington Joseph A. Holden

E. M. Kidder Dr. Merrill J. King, Jr.

Mrs. Ann Lambert Chester F. Lander Arthur L. Legro David A. McKenzie
M. John McLaughlin
William J. McLay
Frank Medugno
Chester A. Moore
Harold W. Morrill
Alfred T. Moss

Nathaniel C. Nash Harry E. Nelson James W. Newman

Charles E. O'Connor James E. O'Neill, Lt. Col. Olof I. Ostlund

John J. Peterson, Jr.

John F. Roberts
Thomas Scott
Joseph H. Smith, Jr.
Dr. Judson A. Smith
Randall S. Smith
Raymond C. Spinazola
John B. Stasiak
George F. Stewart
Ralston A. Stiles

Fred Tavano
George E. Thompson
Harold E. Thompson
Stuart E. Turner
Charles H. Thorne
Norman O. Vachon
George Valentine

Donald A. Welch
Clarence J. White, Jr.
(Honorary) Arthur R. White

M. Clifford Young

Andrew J. Wayson

Thomas J. Maguire, Jr. (Honorary)

Lester H. Mann Einar P. Mattson John Owen McDermott William F. McGovern Austin McHugh

Austin McHugh, Jr.

(Honorary)

(Honorary Members have no voting privilege)

OUR ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Rifle Association was held on Saturday evening, March 31st, 1956 at the Clubhouse. Before the business meeting got under way, the members of the Club and their guests were treated to a fine smorgasbrod. The food was not only delicious, but very plentiful. Joe Funs, who was in charge of the arrangements, prepared the repast, and did his usual fine job.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by President Austin McHugh and after the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting by the Secretary, and the reading of the Treasurer's report, the serious business of electing new officers and members of the Board of Directors got under way.

For his very excellent work as Secretary of the Club for many, many years, Jim Drumgoole was re-elected to the post without opposition.

Harold Morrill, who has been Treasurer of the Association for twenty or more years, decided to step down from that position and hand the reins of his office over to some other member. Harold, a retired CPA, by his advice and wise judgment, on more than one occasion, rendered valuable service over the long period of his incumbency. He was unable to attend the meeting this year due to personal reasons, thereby missing the standing ovation he so rightly deserved from the members for a very swell job, well done.

John Owen McDermott was elected to the office of Treasurer for the coming year, and we all know he will do a very good job at his new position. John has been a member of the Board of Directors and an outstanding member of our rifle team.

Members elected to the Board of Directors were as follows:

Anderson Holden Scott
Collins McHugh Smith
Cutts Nelson Styles
Frizzell O'Connor Thorne
Fuhs Reed Thompson

The two Vice Presidents for the coming year elected by the members, are Fred Frizzell and Charles Thorne.

From the new Board of Directors, Austin McHugh was re-elected to the office of President. Austin has been our president for several years and is familiar with every phase of the office. Under his direction many improvements have taken place to make our Club the best gun club in these parts.

The evening was a huge success, and from the comments overheard from members of the Club during the evening, we will be holding all our Annual Meetings from now on here at the Club. Did you notice that the Club rooms were WARM???

OUR RIFLE TEAM.....finished third in the competition over the past winter months.

The thanks of the Club and its members go to those who gave of their time and talents to represent us - McDermott, Mattson, Bullock, Vachon, Legro, Mann, Nelson, Hanson, Turner and Crawford.

The 1956 Matches of the Eastern Massachusetts Rifle League will get under way this Saturday, April 27th, at the Camp Curtis Guild range, Wakefield. Arthur "Scoopy" Legro will captain our representatives in this endeavor, and he merits your support. A team consists of six firing members. Return the enclosed postcard IMMEDIATELY to "Scoopy" so that he will know who is available and on what dates. (the cards were mailed to those willing and eligible to shoot on the team) It's going to be a job to select a team for each of the dates, so, if you are not selected to shoot on occasion, please be on hand to encourage the team. We're sorry we're so late with this announcement, but McNeill didn't send the material to the Secretary as he should have, which necessarily delayed proper receipt and handling. Remember - send the card back and make your arrangements with "Scoopy".

YOUR TRESIDENT SAYS...... "Thank you for your cooperation during the past year, and I hope to merit your cooperation again this year. Only by such cooperation can a Club such as ours progress. There is still much to do, and by your help and interest we can accomplish what might seem impossible. I look forward to another year of progress - with your help."

DOIN' RIGHT WELL, BUT... As you probably remember, the Club entered a team in the

Eastern Massachusetts Rifle League, which fires its matches
at the Camp Curtis Guild in Wakefield. They're doing right well, considering some
of the handicaps they are working under. The team, under capable Captain Arthur
"Scoopy" Legro, shot their third match and their first Sunday match last week. But
"Scoopy" was away on vacation, with only John Bullock, Lester Mann, Arthur White and
Austin McHugh, Jr., on hand to fire. Mr. Cutts, Joe Fuhs and Austin McHugh, Sr.,
showed up for moral support - their 'moral support' ending up with Joe Fuhs and Austin McHugh Sr., filling in the vacancies. You know it takes six to make a team. It
would be nice if more members would show up to back the team when they are shooting.
There are but two more matches to shoot - one on Saturday, June 2nd and the other on
Sunday, June 17th. (In their second match some weeks ago, two dummy scores of 7 had
to be taken because not enough showed up to make a full team.

In last month's "Bull-Gun", a list of the officers and members of the Board of Directors, elected at the March 31st

Annual Meeting, were given. It must be remembered that the Directors are the governing body of the Club. Your officers and directors have named the following committees to serve the membership, and members of these committees should be reminded that they are expected to function and perform the duties expected of them:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Charles E. O'Connor Ralston A. Stiles

Joseph Fuhs Randall S. Smith

RANGE COMMITTEE

E. P. Matson

Harry E. Nelson

E. M. Kidder

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Alfred D. Read

Lenwood J. Collins

Thomas Scott

TRAPSHOOTING COMMITTEE

Charles H. Thorne

John O. McDermott

Fred W. Frizzell

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fred W. Frizzell - Ralston A. Stiles - James E. O'Neill - Joseph Fuhs Charles H. Thorne Alfred D. Read

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Winthrop R. Cutts - Ralston A. Stiles - Randall S. Smith

RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Joseph A. Holden, Chairman - Harold E. Thompson - Harold E. Anderson Charles H. Thorne - Thomas Scott - Joseph Fuhs - Fred Frizzell

We're going to talk about the functions of each committee COMMITTEE ACTIVITY in this and subsequent issues of the "Bull-Gun". This issue will discuss the Executive Committee. The reason for analyzing this committee first is because some members of the committee actually did not know what was expected of them until they were called upon for some action. Here's some of their work - we have again been approached to sell some of our gravel. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee was instructed to make a sight survey of the situation and report back to the Board. Rollie Stiles who is acting as chairman of that committee, has done an excellent job and has the cooperation of his committee. As soon as their report is acted upon by the Board, the entire membership will be notified of the Board's opinion in this regard. This is the first time the Executive Committee has really functioned in accordance with the By-laws. It would be well for all members of the Board and the various Committees to really acquaint themselves with the duties of their particular committee. Although none of the officers or directors receive remuneration for their services, nevertheless they are expected to fulfill their obligations to the best of their ability. No fault is found with the actions or intentions of any of our officers or members, but everyone is interested to know what they should be doing as a member of a committee of this club. As you can see, the Executive Committee will endeavor to consider all actions that affect the club's interests- particularly from the property point of view. They will be expected to make decisions which will affect the welfare of the organization. We all know what is absolutely necessary in safety improvements in order to function as a shooting club, due to the encroachments of housing and industry. These improvements cost money; how else can it be raised than from dues, range fees and borrowing from individual members, and by careful analysis of the problem, consideration of our assets and the use of good business sense. YOU WILL BE INFORMED OF EVERY MOVE MADE BY YOUR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, AND YOU WILL HAVE YOUR SAY AS A MEMBER WHEN YOUR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PRESENTED.

IT'S EASY FOR US TO BE THE OLDEST, ACTIVE SHOOTING CLUB; 100% COOPERATION AND GOOD BUSINESS JUDGMENT WILL MAKE US THE BEST!

A CARD WILL HELP

Member Randy Smith was stricken with a heart attach on his arrival home after our Board meeting Monday last. He is in the Union Hospital, Lynn, and from all reports, will be laid up quite a while. We are sure a 'get well' card will do a lot to cheer him up. Send him one!

Austin McHugh, President; Jim Drumgoole, Secretary; John O. McDermott, Treasurer and Harold Anderson, Lenwood Collins, Winthrop Cutts, Fred Frizzell, Joe Fuhs, Joe Holden, Harry Nelson, Charlie O'Connor, Thomas Scott, Randy Smith, Ralston Stiles, and Harold Thompson. It was good to see the directors so interested in their 'jobs'. There is a lot of work to be done, and the interest of these men is appreciated.....It was voted to purchase an electric hot water heater for the house, allowing \$150.00 for its purchase - that is, tank and materials. The electrical work of installation has been contributed by Joe Holden, and the necessary plumbing work by Pete Mattson. Joe has also promised us some new bench rest benches. Keep your eyes on Joe - HE MEANS BUSINESS!! He (Joe, that is) has also donated an electric timing device for timing matches. A clever piece of equipment - best we've seen anywhere! Incidentally, this is the first piece of work done by the new Range Improvement Committee. Harry Nelson's pet project on the Range Committee is the installation and finishing off of the inside of the Clubroom, hence this motion:

A motion was made by Joe Fuhs, seconded by Holden, that the membership be notified that those having lockers in the Clubroom make provisions to remove the contents so that the lockers may be removed for the installing of insulation by June 25th. They will be removed by the Committee and they will not be responsible for their contents and all lockers are to be maintained in the locker room hereafter.

So - that's your notice! And \$100.00 was allowed for this project. It must be remembered that all money allotted toward these projects is for materials only; labor to come from membership. Every member is expected to be interested in the Club's welfare and improvements. Only those physically unable to help are excused. The rest of us are on the spot and are expected to help. Wednesday evenings from 6 'til dark and Saturday afternoons from 1 on; or all day if you can make it. There's a 2-burner electric plate in the Club rooms for the members' use. Maybe you can fry yourself an egg! Please remember, for the good of the club, do as the member in charge of each project requests, as he is responsible for a good job. Ask him what you can do to help - then do as he requests. The only way we can get these improvements is coming in with your help. It's YOUR Club! Tom Scott came up with an excellent idea to improve the terrain at the 100 yard targets.

WHY DON'T THEY???.....build a new hot top road in the parking lot? Survey the Club property? Give us good toilet facilities? Put a cement floor in the house cellar? More and better safety facilities at the outdoor firing lines? Fix the roof? Fix the verandas? Fence in the shooting area?...and there's lots of other "why don't they's". This is heard around the club from time to time. The answer to all those questions is "They all cost lots of money, and we don't have it to do any one project properly!" Rollie Stiles reported for the Executive Committee to the Board (who have in mind all of the above questions) in regard to our only means of raising funds; namely the sale of some of our assets. The only one on which we can readily capitalize is the sale of gravel. Rollie's report stated that the Executive Committee felt that approximately 20,000 yards was expendable without endangering any of our property.

The entire Board discussed the drawing up of specifications and inviting any interested parties to bid on what we have to offer.

Above you will read what your officers and directors are doing to make YOUR Club a real shooting Club. It costs money to maintain an organization such as ours, and we are proud that we are the oldest shooting club in the country. What are you doing to help?

If your name is not on our register as a regular shooter, what are you doing to keep it an active club? Come on up - give your shooting eye a break and see if you can't improve on your previous score.

SO LONG, FOR NOW! This is our last bulletin of the season! We will issue our next Bull-Gun in September. In the meantime, enjoy a good summer and be back with us after your vacation. Take care! See you in the fall!